



Dear Parents/Carers

Menu (w/c 2 March)

Week 2

Monday 2nd March

Year 4/5 Swim

Tuesday 3rd March

Orangutan Class Forest School

Wednesday 4th March

Year 1 Swim

Thursday 5th March



World Book Day – children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character!

Just a reminder squads begin at 8.15am. (8.10am for netball). Please be punctual. We cannot admit children after 8.20am. You will need to stay with your child until school starts if you arrive late.



In EY this week, we have launched our learning of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children walked into the classroom and discovered footprints, a beanstalk, mysterious legs hanging from the ceiling and a giant's castle! The children were so excited and enjoyed discussing who they thought it was and what they had been up to. Our mysterious visitor also left some clues, and we decided that it must be a giant. We have thoroughly enjoyed introducing our new topic for this term of 'Castles and Kingdoms'.

Thursday 5th March 2026

2026 is The National Year of Reading, with a focus on Reading for Pleasure. This is in response to the steep decline which has been seen in children choosing to read for enjoyment.

With this in mind, we want our World Book Day to focus on Reading for Pleasure

Our theme this year is: **The Ultimate Character Champion Battle**

Children are invited to come **dressed as their favourite book character** (and bring in the book) – ready to do battle! In addition, the day will be peppered with buddy reading, mystery readers and the very popular, masked reader!

We will also be revealing some of the wildest reading places the children have read so do take part in our extreme reading challenge - you might even win a prize! Attached is more information.

Parent School dinners

Just a reminder that parents/grandparents are welcome to join children for lunches. The cost of a parent meal is £6.00. **To book please email the office on admin-inf@katherinesemar.net with the date you wish to attend (3 day's notice is required) and the colour meal (green or yellow) you would like.** We will then confirm whether we have availability on this date and how you can make payment. If you have booked to come for lunch in the infants, please go to the main office at 11.55am, for the Juniors please go to the main office at 12.05. Please note parents will eat lunch with their child but are not permitted to go out into the playground afterwards – this is for safeguarding reasons. Parents are also not permitted to use their mobile phones whilst in the dinner hall.

Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter Egg hunt takes place during the school day on Thursday 26th March for Y1 & Y2 children and Friday 27th March for all other year-groups (parents do not attend but photographs will be on the website). The children will have great fun hunting for clues and finding some treats on the way! The cost of this is £1.50 per child and is payable on SchoolMoney. As always if you wish to support another child there is the option to do so in the shop section of SchoolMoney.

On Friday 27th March we will also be holding an Easter Raffle as part of our fundraising – **each class will hold their own raffle with several Easter themes prizes available in each class. Tickets cost £1.00 and can be purchased from the shop section of SchoolMoney by Wednesday 25th March.** There is no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase however please make sure you purchase under the correct child. **Cash cannot be brought in on the day for this event.**

INFANT SCHOOL

Mothers' Day Visits in the Infant school – 9.00-10.15am

We are so excited to be holding our events to celebrate Mother's Day. The event usually lasts for just over an hour with the chance to observe your child's learning with their peers, as well as joining in some special activities with your child and hearing your child tell you why you are so special! If for any reason, you are unable to make the visit, please do not worry as your children will be buddied up with a friend and still get to have a special morning. We want to celebrate the special ladies in your child's lives so if you prefer Grannies/Aunties or any other special person in your child's life can attend. Please arrive via the infant hall entrance where you will be signed in. Only one adult per child is permitted to attend.

A polite reminder that we cannot accommodate preschool children or babies on this visit and, as it will be a normal working morning for the other classes in school, we will not be able to staff a crèche.

The dates are as follows:

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| Monday 9 th March | Arctic Wolves |
| Tuesday 10 th March | Polar Bears |
| Wednesday 11 th March | Red Squirrels |
| Thursday 12 th March | Dolphins |
| Friday 13 th March | Turtles |
| Monday 16 th March | Skylarks |



Easter Hat Parade – INFANT CHILDREN ONLY

We are looking forward to our Easter Hat Parade on Friday 27th March at 8.55am in the Infant playground. All families and preschool children are welcome to come along and watch. All Infant children get to wear an Easter hat they have created at home, so you have a couple of weekends to work on your creative ideas!



JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School Easter Disco

Our Junior Easter disco will take place on Thursday 26th March at the times detailed below. There will be no Junior School after school clubs or squads on this day. Tickets can be purchased on SchoolMoney and must be booked **by Friday 20th March**. If your child has an EHCP and receives 1-to-1 support, please contact the office if they wish to attend the disco, as we will need to arrange the appropriate provision. You will be unable to book until you have spoken with the office. **Late bookings cannot be accepted under any circumstances as we need to arrange staffing/print fire lists etc.** Tickets cost £3.50 and will include an Ice Lolly for all children.

Year 3 & 4 – 4.00 – 5.00pm

Year 5 & 6 – 5.15 – 6.15pm

Our pocket money stall is always popular and so we will be offering this again. Children may bring some pocket money (suggested amount of no more than £2.00 – we will not be able to give change) to purchase items in our shop.

Alternatively, you can pay £2.00 on SchoolMoney if you don't have cash and we keep a list of those who have spending money. Again, the deadline for this is Friday 20th March.

Out of School Achievement Assemblies

We are delighted to be holding another Out of School achievement assemblies for children in Years 3-6. These assemblies give children the opportunity to share their outside school successes with their peers. The kind of successes we would like to hear about should relate to out of school activities or clubs the children attend (such as Brownies/Cubs/Dance/Football/Swimming etc rather than home achievements such as learning to ride a bike or baking a cake). If your child wishes to take part in this assembly you must complete the form by Monday 16th March

Oak & Beech. Tuesday 17th March - [Out of School Achievement Assembly Oak & Beech. Tuesday 17th March 2026 \(2\) – Fill out form](#)

Horse Chestnut & Sycamore - Thursday 19th March - [Out of School Achievement Assembly Horse Chestnut & Sycamore - Thursday 19th March – Fill out form](#)

Book sale - Junior Library

We are excited to be acquiring new books for the library in line with the Reading for Pleasure initiative. As a result we need more space on our shelves so we are having a mammoth book sale. Each book will be 30p or 4 for £1. There are books for every age group and will be on sale at break and lunch time in the library.



REMINDERS

Please find below the timetable for PE for the second half of the spring term.

| Spring Term – Second Half | PE | Swimming | Forest School |
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| EARLY YEARS | Tuesday & Friday | n/a | n/a |
| YEAR 1 | Tuesday | Wednesday | n/a |
| YEAR 2 | Wednesday & Friday | n/a | n/a |
| YEAR 3 | Monday & Thursday | n/a | n/a |
| YEAR 4 | Tuesday | Monday | n/a |
| YEAR 5 | Thursday | Monday | Orangutans – Tuesday 3 rd March Jaguars – Tuesday 17 th March |
| YEAR 6 | Wednesday & Friday | n/a | n/a |

- Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days.
- Year 2 children should also wear their PE kit to school with their swimming costume on underneath on swimming days.
- Year 4/5 children should wear their school uniform on Swimming days and bring their swimwear to change into at the pool.

Squads and Wet weather

Just a reminder that if it is raining on a morning the following clubs/squads will be cancelled (as we do not have an indoor space available)

Monday – Year 3/4 Football Club

Tuesday – Netball Squad

Wednesday – Netball Squad

Thursday – Tennis Squad Y3/4

Friday – Tennis Y5/6 & Netball Squad

Reception Deliveries – A Kind Reminder

We've noticed an increase in the number of items being dropped off at reception during the school day. While we completely understand that things can be forgotten in the morning rush, we kindly ask families to consider whether these items are truly essential, as frequent deliveries can disrupt lessons.

Going forward we will only be able to accept and deliver the following items:

- Medication
- Glasses
- PE kits
- Swimming kits

Please note: Homework, planners, and reading books will not be accepted for delivery, particularly for children in Years 5 and 6, in line with SWCHS policy which does not allow items to be dropped to the classrooms. We hope this will support children in building resilience and independence.

If your child forgets their water bottle, please don't worry – cups are available in classrooms so they can stay hydrated. However, having their own water bottle is always preferable.

FUNDRAISING

Amazon Wish-list

Lots of families have indicated that they do not have time to support our school by helping out at fundraising events but would be happy to purchase items needed by the school. We have therefore created an amazon "wish list" of additional items we would love for the children. The list can be accessed here, <https://amzn.eu/2G57jB4>. If you choose to buy an item – you do so via your own account but it is shipped directly to school. Thank you in advance! We are also very short on Glue Sticks!!! We would welcome any donations of Prittsticks!

Half Term Fundraising Event

Thank you to those who have taken part in the matchbox challenge – we have extended the deadline to return your matchbox and sponsorship to Friday 6th March. You can pay your sponsorship money via SchoolMoney – the amount highlighted in green can be amended to reflect the amount of sponsorship collected – you simply delete the pre-filled amount with the amount you will pay.

Pre Loved Uniform

Should you ever need contact any preloved uniform please contact preloved@katherinesemar.net. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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Executive Headteacher

